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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Major General John B. Marks, USAF
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Dear John,

As discussed at today's NFIB meeting, I have asked the National Foreign Assessment Center to consolidate these two papers, one on the state of the Soviet economy and the other on the dependence of the specific sectors of the Soviet economy on Western inputs. While these papers are being consolidated, I would appreciate any inputs, suggestions, or criticisms you or your organization may have for improving the range and quality of information expressed in these papers. Please send your comments to [redacted] Director of the Office of Soviet Analysis at CIA, by Tuesday, 24 November 1981. 25X1

As discussed at our meeting, the attached material will be published as a document supplementary to but independent of SNIE 3/11-4-81, Dependence of Soviet Military Power on Economic Relations with the West, which I approved today.

Yours,

William J. Casey

Attachments:
(1) The State of the Soviet Economy and the Role of East-West Trade
(2) Soviet Dependence on Western Trade by Sector

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